To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1337 without my signature.

This bill requires the Integrated Waste Management Board to develop regulations for green building standards for the construction and renovation of state buildings. The bill also mandates that all state buildings be designed and operated in accordance with the regulations.

In California, building standards are developed by the California Building Standards Commission. They prescribe how State building standards are written and promulgated in a public and participatory manner. The California Integrated Waste Management Board expertise is in waste management and reduction and they have done excellent work in identifying new uses in building products for recycled material. However, the Board does not have the expertise in building standards, public safety, building design and construction, fire codes and public process to ensure the standards are developed in an appropriate manner.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger